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J. Mudd to Clifford Anderson Starres section 30 Deer Greek \$300000.

J. W. Wise to E. A. Yoder 200 occas sections 2, and 3 Charlotte 197000.00.

J. F. Summy to Che Hoffman 127, ocres aaction 7 Rockville 20500.00.

J. E. Smith to B. E. Parker 150 ocres acction 4 Elikhars 512000.00.

M. C. Parker to J. E. Smith lots to 21, 22, 23, 24 Mills addition Adrian 53000.00.

Laura Lamme to O. B. Ray part block 1 Montgomerys addition Butling \$1100.00.

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R. J. Lacy to W. L. Larned 5 acres ection 26 West Boone \$750.00.

C. E. Morris to Issae Kerns -7 cres section 21 New Home \$450.00.

R. M. Capps to Wm. Cargill lots and 4 block 39 3 addition Rich Hill

Topeka, Kas., Nov. 25.—Following a rapid increase in the number of influenza cases here, city health afficers announced today that a drastic closing order would be put in effect at midnight tomorrow night. Churches, achools and theaters will be closed, all public meetings banned and large stores limited to short hours. It was stated the order would remain in effect until the influenza was under control. Strict closing orders have been put in effect in a majority of the counties of the state.

Stocks of Wheat Are Large.

Washington, Nov. 20.—The Department of Agriculture reports 275 million bushels of wheat in mills, elevators and dealers' hands on Novemand 4 block 39 3 addition Rich Hill bar 1, about two and one-half times as much as a year ago, and 80 mily lion more than on October 1 of this year. Stocks of corn in dealers hands November 1 were 17,123,000 bushels, 4 million less than on October 1 of this year. Stocks of corn in dealers hands November 1 were 17,123,000 bushels, 4 million less than on October 15 onts 79 3-4 million bushels, 5, 6, Adrian \$1000.00.

Wm. Hess et al. to Euphie Scott 123,000, increase, 7 million; rye, 15-123,000, increase, 5 1-2 million.

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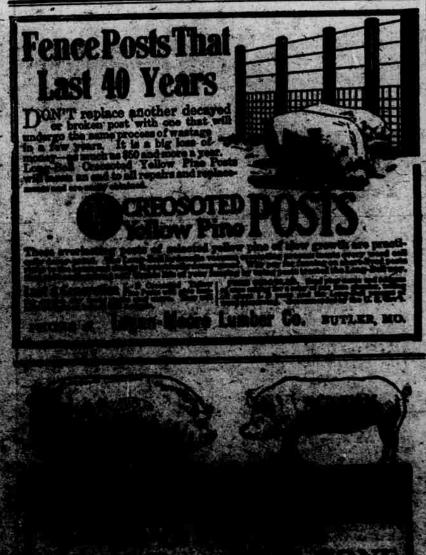
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Save something now and help to make your future progress certain. We offer you the service of an institution that has long practiced this DOCTRINE.

LARGEST SURPLUS FUND OF ANY BANK IN BATES COUNTY.



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Mrs. Francis Hall of Clarksba

Mo. is visiting relatives in this

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rowman called town now. on W. G. Cumpton and wife Sunday evening.

DAISY.

Virginia.

John Rubel, of Independence, Misser. Her husb souri, is a guest at the home of his now in France.

Drother, George F. Rubel.

Letters were received last week by his parents from Doc Harper, who arrived two weeks previously in England. The letters were mailed at Winchester, England, and stated that he was well. Just before sailing overseas, Doc had a severe siege of influence.

D. W. Corbin came down from Kansas City Monday.

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Miss Laine Cox sprung a surprise on their friends by quiet getting mar-ried. We add our wishes to those of their many friends that they may

The topic for League next Sunday will be "Our Visible Bond of Fellowship," Mal. 3-16; Heb. 10:24. Miss Maude Martin will be leader.

Ed Winfrey is having a serious battle with the flu:

Fair Mount News

We sure had a spell of winter last

Most everybody stayed at home

ammer and baby, chuidt and family.

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Miss Lydia and Hilda Rapp dined their friends, Lena and in their friends, Lena and in their friends.

ung folks had a

Fleischer and

PRISCILLA.

roaned with good "cats" to which all did full justice. The menu connisted of chicken, celery, pickles, salads, sandwiches, and pie and cake. Mrs. Charley Hunt of Appleton-City visited Mrs. Wick Ray Tues-

Several of John Strange's relatives from Platte county visited him several days last week.

Ray Phinney sawed wood for S.

M. Krestinger last week.

Mrs. Bruce Odneal and baby spent.

Monday afternoon with her mother.

The pie supper at Oak Grove has been called off on account of the fin.

Those who are entertaining the fluare Mrs. Will Jones, Ben Norvell and Mr. and Mrs. Ples Evans.

Matthew Evans and son, Roy talled at the Jim Evans home Saturday.

Miss Nina Keen called on Thelms

Sargent Sunday afternoon.

Ernat is out of school on account of the fine was served.

Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Smith of Butler.

W. O. Card has been on the sick list, but is about well now.

WILLIE.

Miss Nina Keen called on Thelma Sargest Sunday afternoon.

Geo. Froat is out of school on account of a bad cold.

The president of the school board (Geo. Wigger) called at Oak Grove school Wednesday.

Walter Cumpton spent Wednesday with his sister, Mrs. Clara Batchelost.

The Oak Grove school board recently purchased a new supply of the quarterly classics.

Elmer Keen and Roy Young were in Appleton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lawson and son spent Sunday at the A. L. Gillemore home.

The pupils of Oak Grove by vote decided to have purple and gold for their school colors.

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Merwin News.

Mrs. J. W. Alder returned from St. Louis Sunday accompanied by her sister and niece.

H. O. Meyers came down from Kansas City to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Monroe.

M. M. Harris came down from Kansas City Friday, returning home Sunday.

Miss Fern Shockey went to Pitcher, Oklahoma, Sunday to visit friends, John Grissim and Will Buckley are running a wood saw in town now.

Henry Tucker and daughter, Mrs. Ada Chambers, went to Drexel Sunday to visit relatives.

Floyd Totten was down from Har-

Mrs. Clyde. Welliver and children and Mrs. Everette Harvey and son, spent Phanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harvey.

John McCook, wife and daughter spent Sunday at the Ples Evans the Ples Evans and Fiday returning home Sunday.

The flu is getting, a good start in the plant of the plant in the plant of the plant o

Miss Minnie Stitt came down from Kansas City Saturday to visit her father, Marion Stitt, and brother John, who is home from camp. She returned home Sunuay.

R. K. Foster returned to Amster-

Charley McAllister, of Fairland, dam Saturday.

Oklahoma, visited last week at the home of his uncle, A. C. Bedwell and family.

John Rubel, of Independence, Misser. Her husband, Tom Corbin, is

D. W. Corbin came down from

Word was received last week from Mrs. Lucile Denman was a guest of Miss Rosa Nightwine Saturday and Sunday. Miss Denman is the teacher at Belmont school.

Last week Elmer Hardinger and Miss I size Corrections of the company soon. His letter was written November 7.

A Soldier Letter.

have a long and happy wedded life.

Will Lingenfelter and family have moved into their new house a mile and a quarter west of Grand View.

s parents have moved into the house vacated by Mr. Lingenfelter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Greenup and daughter, Margie, took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. Shesler Sunday.

Miss Lula Bedwell spent Saturday night with Miss Ola Ayres.

We are permitted to publish the following extracts from a letter received a few days ago by Ira L. Sutton, of the Post Office force. It seems from the letter that the motorized artillery, to which Corporal Ferfell belongs, has been having a very busy time.

A. E. F., France, Oct. 24, 1918. We are permitted to publish the

night with Miss Ola Ayres.

Mrs. H. E. McCall received a letter was mine this morning. I had about given up hearing from you, but better late than nevers is in France. This was the first letter received from him since he sailed in September.

Grand View school will open next Wednesday unless the influenza gets back on the increase.

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Me are a motorized outil and the traveled quite a bit over France from the traveled about. The rabbits and game were glad of it, we know.

Clara Fischer did some sewing for her aunt, Mrs. John Yoss, last week.

Miss Esther Vogt, the Fair Mount school teacher spent the day Sunday with home folks at Schell City.

William Bolte was in Schell City on business Saturday.

Lewis Fleischer and family took Thanksgiving dinner with their son, Joe, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bracher and Mr. and Mrs. John Yoss spent the afternoon and took supper Saturday with Albert Yoss and family. On account of Mrs. Yoss aunt and uncle of Illinois, who are here visiting them.

Les Vogt and family entertained at dinner Sunday her parents, Fred Hammer and wife, his brother, F. C. Yogt, Jr., and baby, and Fred chuist and family.

Miss Lydia and Hilda Rapp dined

doing so nicely. Hope you have a time with the work. Would like he with you for one night, but am aid it is too long a jump, so will we to wait for peace, I guess. I deduite a bit about it coming but the talk does not sound very concing with Fritz shells whining warm head.

ble to take care of anything new up. Since the U. S. got sig show and I have had an sity to see the work that it everybody getting military.

u a Hun That is That is quite a

Cabbage and Potatoes

Just unloaded another car of FANCY OHIO POTATOES, and still have some FANCY CABBAGE that we are selling cheap.

> Cabbage per 100 bs.....\$2.50 Onions per 100 lbs.....\$3.00 Ohio Potatoes per bushel\$1.50 Apples per bushel....\$1.75 to \$2.00

WE ALSO HAVE A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

CHRISTMAS GOODS Candies, Fruits, Etc.

Also Hardware, Stoves, Farm Implements and Good Things to Eat

WE WANT YOUR TRADE

Bennett-Wheeler Mercantile Co.

P. S .- If you are going to need a binder for next harvest, right now is the time to place your order. We can furnish you a John Deere or McCormick at last season's prices, subject to crop conditions. Better get one while the getting is good.

ride a motor cycle and carry mes-sages to the different places.

electric lights, etc. Oh, those people intended to stay, all right.

not very often.

time ago. Our artillery made things so unpleasant for them that they moved back. We live in a dugout, like the ground squirrels. Every time a big shell comes over, in the

ground we go, like rats when a cat is after them. Lwill close and go to bed for I go on my run at 6 a. m. tomorrow. Your brother,

Lee V. Ward. 7 Div. Headquarters Troop, American Ex. Force, in France.

PRAISE FOR THE 35TH

Division Commended for Its Service in Argonne Victory.

Joplin, Mo., Nov. 29 .- Missouri and Kansas troops, making up the 35th Division, have been given special commendation for their services in the victory in the Argonne September 25 to October 1. by Maj.-Gen. Peter E. Traub, commanding the division. A copy of the officer's general order has been received here.

"No greater praise or commendation to the officers and men of these units can be bestowed than to say

tion to the officers and men of these units can be bestowed than to say that they have performed the task set for them in a manner worthy of the best ideals and traditions of the American army," said General Traub. "You have met and defeated the picked divisions of the enemy. You have accomplished these tasks with a fearlessness, courage and disregard a fearlessness, courage and disregard of danger and hardship which fully justifies the pride which those at lome have in you."

Co. B, 128th machine gun battalion, composed principally of Bates country boys, is a part of the 35th division.

carrying a gun all to the dickens. 1 AUTHORITIES ESTIMATE IT WILL TAKE 10 MONTHS TO BRING TROOPS HOME

> Boston, New York, Newport News and Charleston Are to be Ports of Debarkation.

Our boys are sure driving them ton, New York, Newport News, Va., back now. They go over the top almost every night and bringing in a bunch of the Boche prisoners. Not use for the return of the army from many of our boys are getting hurt, overseas. Even with this wide diseither. Our cannons are sure raising tribution of the strain on port facil-cain outside. Many a German is hunting a place to hide, I'll bet, for nunting a place to hide, I'll bet, for our boys are sending over a few stoves, coal buckets, etc., from the big guns

Aeroplane baitles are common here

Or 6 a day Was II core match. 5 or 6 a day. We all sure watch to see the Boche fall and everyone has to swear if one gets away, which is department probably will be based fix ten months as the minimum.

A. E. F., France,
Oct. 24, 1918.

The roads are almost all rock here.
Much better than you find in the
States. Some are rough but still not
difficulties to be overcome and do

Am now within about three miles of the front line trenches, so you see it is rather noisy.

Decision to though the four ports mentioned is understood to have been based on two main considerait is rather noisy.

Most of the towns we go into now are torn down by the big shells.

The Boche held them until a short and, second, they are the natural and, second, they are the natural and, second the country, each fed by time ago. Our artillery made things an independent rail system ramifying back through geographically independent sections of the United States. By loading the ships as far as possible with men from the same general section, it will be possible, army officers say, to avoid cross-carrying and disruption of normal traffic in getting the soldiers from the ships to their homes.

In estimating for transport tonnage available for the movement, officials have not only looked ahead to the new ships which will be delivered during the demobilization period by an independent rail system ramifying

during the demobilization period by the Shipping Board, but also upon idle German ships, including two new and very large liners reported to have been completed except for some de-tails of equipment. Among the known German steamers is the Imperator, almost as large as the Vaterland, now the leviathan. The two new German liners are of approxi-mately the same size as these craft. Each of these four could carry near-

ly 10,000 men a trip.
The German vessels east bound, after unloading American troops would carry food supplies to be alotted Germany.

Not to Pamper the Boche Cream Puffs.

Paris, Nov. 28.—"Feeding the Germans is the last thing we're thinking about. We're not going to pamper the Boches with cream puffs."

This was the answer today of Hugh Gibson former

Gibson, former secretary of the American legation at Brussels, and now associated with Herbert C. Hoover in investigating Europe on